

ST PATRICK'S PARISH MORTLAKE
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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Fr. Tom Stevens
MASSES: Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 pm Sunday 9.00 am and 6.00 pm
Mon: 8.00 am Communion Service Tues to Fri: 8.00 am Mass
Rosary after Morning Mass - Tuesday to Saturday
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30 pm to 5.45pm
PARISH ADMIN.: Tuesday and Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm - Brenda

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PLEASE NOTE
THERE WILL BE A COMMUNION SERVICE ON
WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER
THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: **Monday:** Our Lady of the Rosary;
Wednesday: St Denis and St Leonardi; **Friday:** St John XXIII

THE UNDERDOG COMES 'UP FOR THE CUP!'

With football finals season and the Spring Carnival upon us, the tales of teams coming up as the Underdog, who 'Come up for the Cup', are sure to enter our conversations. The 'UNDERDOG' genre is always a popular theme. We've seen it in: Michelle Payne winning the Melbourne Cup in 2015; in Billy Elliott the Musical; Eddie the Eagle; the amazing rise and success of Ed Sheeran; The Shawshank Redemption; Rocky; anything the South Sydney rugby league team is associated with (!); and of course one of my favourite films, 'DODGEBALL: A True Underdog Story', to list but a few!!

Most of us are able to associate, or at least feel the warmth, of the story of the individual who rises against the odds to do something beyond themselves. To see that people with seemingly limited potential are able to achieve the unthinkable.

The story of each one of us, in our magnificently flawed yet loveable humanity, is that in the midst of our messiness, we are loved, we are precious. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the apostles that even if they have the smallest aspect of faith (the size of a tiny mustard seed), then they are still capable of doing the impossible (of moving trees). But alas, our faith is tested and we fall by the way side from time to time when we fail to stand up for the oppressed and the persecuted. We are called not to be oppressors, but liberators for each other. That power to change lives is within us, through our faith.

We are called to see ourselves in our beautiful frailty. See myself in my anxiety and in my shortcomings, and see that in those aspects of my magnificently flawed humanity - I am still called to be Christ like. In that frail humanity, I still am Christ like.

I believe each of us know individuals in our lives who, with their incredibly strong faith, have moved mountains. People who have accomplished the unthinkable. People who have overcome obstacles that were in their way. These individuals inspire us and give us the courage to continue going.

Pope Francis in his Angelus message explained today's Gospel passage by saying:

"The mustard seed is very small, but Jesus says that it is enough to have a faith like this, small but true, sincere to do things that are humely impossible, unthinkable. And it is true! We all know people who are simple, humble, but with incredible strong faith, who truly move mountains!"

Let's take a moment to think of those people in our lives who have inspired us with their courage, bravery and resilience. The cancer patient; the refugee seeking a new life for their family; the individual overcoming a drug or alcohol addiction; the individual battling daily through depression. The 'Underdog Story' is the story of Jesus Christ, and you and I have a role to play in that Jesus story. **Fr. Tom**

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE: We invite all Year 12 students for a blessing at the 6.00pm Mass on the Sunday 13th October as they commence their HSC in coming weeks. We wish them well and keep them in our prayers.

WELCOME MORNING TEA FOR FR TOM: A big "Thank You" to Anne Manenti and her team for the wonderful morning tea to officially welcome Fr Tom into St Patrick's as our Administrator.

CATECHISTS NEEDED AT ST AMBROSE: Our neighbouring parish, St Ambrose, provide Catholic faith education to 245 children in three public schools in their area Strathfield North, Concord West and Victoria Avenue Public Schools. They are in need of a few extra catechists to lighten the load. The classes are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. ***If you think you can lend a hand for a half an hour*** either as the catechist or a helper, please contact St Ambrose on 97431023 or sacraments@stambrose.org.au for further information.



PARISH BAPTISMS THIS WEEK: Baby Charlotte Joy Lee.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Catherine Gordon; Carmen Bonnici; Matteo Di Pasquantonio; Kevin McCord; John Wallace; Francesca Parison; Margaret Dix; Margaret Love; Renaldo Gabrielle di Natteo; Antonio Merlino; Brian Bowman; Anthony Needs.

ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Adrian Moore; Kerry John Cordingly; Jack Coulson; Charles Bonnici; Rosa Arcella; Concetta Piccin (2nd Anniversary); Jack Chan (2nd Anniversary); Francesco D'Elia; Carmelo Puglisi; Kevin McCord; Patrick Meadth; Josephine Sutcliffe; Florence Hourigan; Thomas Quinn; Margaret Pyne; Ruby Bramley; James Barrett; James Bray; Carmen Grech; Lia Morgan; Mary McInerney; Patricia Coffey; Delia Steer; Keith Joseph.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Join the Prayer Group after Sunday's 9am Mass to say one decade of the Rosary and the Memorare for petitions received; Otto Petrin; Antonietta; Mother Theresa Tan; Billy Brandt; Valeria Greguoldo; Peter Allen; George; Michael; Anne Trivia; George Cepak; Audrey and Tony Clarke; Dave Roberts; Matteo Bekes; Colin Ng; Fr Giuseppie Cremonese; Susanna Tessarolo; Sr Celina Cavaliere; Bill Young; Don Khoury; Cameron Sue; To have your own petitions included, please see one of the group, or phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718.

DIARY DATES	
MON	10am-Bingo in the Parish Hall. Come along, have some fun!
TUE - SAT	The Rosary after morning mass
WED	CHRISTIAN MEDITATION WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY 16/10/19.

NEXT WEEK 12 & 13 OCTOBER - WEEK TWO			
	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	Amanda Gierak Barbara Bolster	Anne & Peter Manenti	Sinead Kent Susan Neylan
Acolytes	Cristina Profilio Julian McCarron	Eric Kent	Kevin Nelson- Smith Rocco Arce
Communion at Mass	Carmen Holley	Margaret & Gil Vella	Sined Kent
Communion to the Sick	Anne Manenti and Clare Petrin		
Children's Liturgy	Jenni		
Altar Society Saturday 2 nd Saturday	Luisa Campagna and Anne Gaul		
Money Counters	Carol Gordon, Allan & Christina Marshall		

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